

Remarks:

Consideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-3 remain in the application. Claim 3 is to be withdrawn so that prosecution of claims 1 and 2 can proceed without a Restriction Requirement. The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors regarding reference numerals.

In the parent Application No. 10/103,459, an Office action dated May 22, 2003 was issued which required affirmation of a restriction requirement to either Group I, claims 1-2 directed to a method or Group II drawn to an apparatus. In response to the comments directed to the restriction requirement in item 3 on page 3 of the Office action, applicants affirmed the election to prosecute the invention of Group II, claim 3.

Based on the above-noted comments applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-2 with this divisional application.

It is noted that the "additional rotary position transducer" was not shown in the original drawings. Therefore, the additional rotary transducers have been added to the drawings, and are designated by reference numerals 49 and 50.

Furthermore, the specification has been amended to include the reference numerals. Support for the change can be found on page 12, lines 15-19 of the specification. No new matter has been added since the additional transducers were already disclosed on page 12, lines 15-19 of the original specification.

Fig. 2 has been changed to correct the reference symbol of the holding device from "31" to "44".

In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of claims 1-2 is solicited.

Since it is believed that only allowable claims remain, the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner & Greenberg P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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